Doctors and Interns in Government Medical Colleges/Institutes had gone on strike in May, 2006, in protest against the proposed reservation for OBCs in Government Educational Institutions. Emergency and indoor medical services as also OPD services continued to be available as the Faculty/Senior Doctors were not on strike. Medical Officers frm GCHS, ESI & Railways were deployed at Central Govt. Hospitals to man the OPDs. Negotiations were held with the striking doctors at various levels of Government but were inconclusive. On the directions of Supreme Court, the Resident Doctors/Intern called off their strike and resume duties around 3rd June, 2006. There are no reports of any patient dying because of non-treatment/non-attendance during the period of strike.

**Problems faced by foreign medical degree holders for registration**

†1264. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that serveral such doctors who have foreign medical degrees ae facing difficulties in earning their livelihood due to pendency of several cases with Medical Council of India pertaining to their registration;

(b) if so, the details of such cases and there reasons for their non-registration; and

(c) the details of action taken/to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

**Compliance of standards in Yoga and Ayurvedic Medicines**

†1265. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have announced any rule for compliance of standards in Yoga and manufacturing of Ayurvedic and Unani medicines;

(b) whether these rules are being complied with; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (c) No rule have been announced for compliance of standards in Yoga. However, Government have amended rule 168 of the Drugs and Cosmetics Rules to provide for compliance with standards for identity, purity and strength as laid down in of Ayurvedic, Siddha and Unani Pharmacopoeias for the time being enforce by manufacturers for sale or for distribution of Ayurvedic, Siddha and Unani drugs. This has been enforced w.e.f. 26.6.1995 details are in the Statement (*See* below). Good manutacturing Practices have also been notified under Schedule 'T' of the Drugs and Cosmetics Rules, 1945 which have become mandatory. the responsibility for enforcement of these provisions are with State Licensing Authorities/ State Drug Controllers. However, there is a Ayurveda, Siddha and Unani *Drug Technical Advisory Board* (ASUDTAB) *and Ayurveda, Siddha and* Unani Drugs Consultative Committee (ASUDCC) for review enforcement of the provisions of the Act and Rules.

***Statement***

*Compliance of Standards in Yoga and Ayurvedic Medicines*

A: Ayurvedic Pharmacopoeia of India (on single Drugs):

The following Volumes have been published containing the quality standards of single drugs:

| | Name of publication No of drugs | Year | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Ayurvedic Pharmacopoeia of India Vol. I | 1986 | 80 (single) |
| 2. | Ayurvedic Pharmacopoeia of India Vol. II | 1999 | 78 |
| 3. | Ayurvedic Pharmacopoeia of India Vol. III | 2001 | 100 |
| 4. | Ayurvedic Pharmacopoeia of India Vol. IV | 2004 | 68 |
| 5. | Ayurvedic Pharmacopoeia of India Vol. V | 2006 | 92 |
| *Ayurvedic Pharmacopoeia of India Vol. VI (under editing) | | | 100 |
| *Ayurvedic Pharmacopoeia of India Vol. VII (under editing) | | | 102 |
| | | Total = | 620 |

*Ayurvedic Formularies of India (AFI) containing compound formulations:*

| | Name of publication | Year | No. of drugs (compound) |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Ayurvedic Formulary of India (English edition) Pt. I | 1978 | 444 |
| 2. | Ayurvedic Formulary of India (Hindi edition) Pt. I | 1988 | |
| 3. | Ayurvedic Formulary of India (Hindi edition) Pt. II | 1991 | 192 |
| 4. | Ayurvedic Formulary of India (English edition) Pt. II (revised edition) | 2000 | |
| 5. | Ayurvedic Formulary of India (English edition) Pt. I (revised edition) | 2003 | |
| * | Ayurvedic Formulary of India-Part III (approved by APC) | - | 400 |
| | TOTAL | | 1036 |

B. Unani Pharmacopoeia of India (UPI)

| | Name of publication | Year | No. of drugs (single) |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Unani Pharmacopoeia of India Vol. I | 1999 | 45 |
| 2. | Unani Pharmacopoeia of India Vol. II (approved by UPC) | - | 55 |
| 3. | Unani Pharmacopoeia of India Vol. III (approved by UPC) | - | 87 |
| | TOTAL | | 187 |

| | National Unani Formulary of India | Year | No. of compound formula-tions |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | National Unani Formulary of India-Part I | 1981 | 441 |
| 2. | National Unani Formulary of India-Part II | 1998 | 202 |
| 3. | National Unani Formulary of India-Part III | 1999 | 103 |
| 4. | National Unani Formulary of India-Part IV | | 166 |
| | TOTAL | | **912** |

*C. Siddha Pharmacopoeia of India containing compound formulations:*

1. *Siddha Pharmacopoeia of India (Vol. I) containing 70 single drugs* completed for the approval of Siddha Pharmacopoeia Committee.
2. National Formulary of Siddha Medicine containing 248 compound formulations published in the year 1992.

**Malaria deaths in Assam**

1266. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that in Assam, Malaria epidemic is an annual phenomenon where large number of people die every year;

(b) whether Government are also aware that Assam Government is not fully equipped with medicines and also means of transport;

(c) whether Government have any plan to tackle the situation and help Assam to contain the spread of epidemic every year; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) The state of Assam is endemic for malaria. The reported cases and number of deaths in the state of Assam during last five years are given below: